FDI in Print Media

† 1997.SHRIKAPILSIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have laid down necessary guidelines after giving the approval for foreign investment in Print Media;

(b) if so, the details of the guidelines;

(c) by when these are likely to be implemented;

(d) whether Government have received any objection relating to FDI in Print Media; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) The Government is in the process of making guidelines for the implementation of the decision taken by the Cabinet for allowing FDI in Print Media.

(d) and (e)The concerns expressed in various quarters have been addressed while arriving at the decision of allowing FDI in Print Media.

Films Division Films

†1998. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN
SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that permission for making commercial films has been granted to the Films Division so as to increase its earnings;

(b) if so, when this permission was granted;

(c) whether exhibition of the films made by Films Division has been started; and

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(d) if so, the names of the films and the details of the income earned by screening of films?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) Films Division's mandate continues to be production and distribution of documentary films, news magazines and short fiction films for information and education of the people.These films are exhibited in the cinema theatres in the country in terms of the provisions contained in Section 12(4) of the Cinematograph Act, 1952 and relevant provisions contained in the State Cinema Acts/ Regulations. These films are also exhibited through the field publicity units of the Directorate of Field Publicity and telecast by Doordarshan. Films Division collects rental @ 1 % of the net collection of cinema theatre exhibitors for the supply of these films.

However, on an experimental basis, Films Division has recently released a short fiction film title "Dukhiram" at Nandan, Kolkata on a revenue sharing basis. In another case, Films Division has tied up for the sale of commercial rights of the short fiction film "Phire Pelam" (Bengali version) for a period of three years for theatrical exhibition in the territory of West Bengal on a cost sharing basis.

Panel for stopping objectionable advertisements

†1999. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have constituted a Panel to give suggestions for stopping objectionable advertisements;

(b) if so, when this panel was constituted;

(c) the names of members of this panel; and

(d) the details of advertisements which were found objectionable and communicated to Government by the Panel?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. On 22.05.2002 the Government constituted a Committee, consisting of officers from the

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